

Resolution authorizing the Planning and Development Department to apply for and accept a WisDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for the expansion of the VIP Trail and for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements within TID #15.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department submitted four (4) projects for the first-round WisDOT Transportation Alternatives Program application process, of which two projects were selected to move on to the second-round; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse supports the pre-scoping and second-round TAP application submitted to WisDOT for the 2014-2018 award cycle. The two (2) applications are the VIP Expansion/Extension, that will widen the existing trail to 10ft and connect to the Gund Brewery Lofts and the residential neighborhood to the east, and for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements within TID #15, which were identified in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse recognizes that WisDOT reimburses project sponsors for the federal share of 80% of the approved TAP project costs, up to the limit of the federal award amount. In light of the minimum twenty (20) percent match requirement, the City of La Crosse commits to securing the matching funds if the project is awarded funding; and

WHEREAS, as part of the second-round application process WisDOT requires a Resolution of Support from the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if the City of La Crosse is awarded funding by WisDOT for the 2014-2018 TAP award cycle the City of La Crosse is authorized to and agrees to accept the award and enter into all necessary agreements with WisDOT for the above-referenced project and commits to securing the matching funds if the project is awarded funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of La Crosse agrees to comply with all applicable laws, requirements, and regulations as outlined in the WisDOT 2014-2018 TAP application materials, the state-municipal agreement between WisDOT and City of La Crosse, and any other program and/or project documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Planning and Development and the Finance Director are hereby authorized to make any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.